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[1] Children who were born with gene manipulation to have antibody against radioactivity.
[2] Name of a special force unit, which is composed with these children, of the Ground Self-Defense Force 3rd Division. They are assigned to take on lifesaving missions in the radiation-contaminated Tokyo.

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時は西暦2036年。
新宿での危機を辛くも乗り越え、
渋谷のシェルターを目指す荊たち。
生存者たちの本拠地であるその場所で、
荊は1人の少女と出会う――。
Dr.コッペリウスの陰謀が進行する中、
荊は人々を救うことができるのか!?

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あらかじめ御了承ください。

Phase.17 [Parallel World]
P
VROOOOOM
Route 413, South of Yoyogi Park—
Wow ...
See the building on our left? That's Yoyogi National Stadium!
We're out of Harajuku!

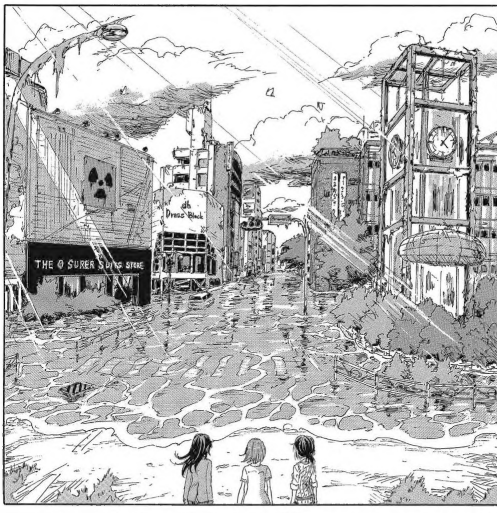
This feels great!

VROOOOM
KAW
Is this seriously downtown Tokyo?
It's trees, trees, trees, every which way ya look...
But...
You're in for an even bigger surprise when we get to Shibuya!
Huh?
Whatcha mean, shorty?!

We're turning.
Crap! I-I'm falling!
Hold on, Ibara!
VROOOOOM
Mmph...
HRNGK
CLUNK
HRRNG
CLUNK
Aiee!!

I'm not a "mister"! It's Mama Akiko!
Oh, it's just you, Mr. Akiko...
...
It's beyond rude to scream in a lady's face!
For heav-en's sake!
We finally get to see Shibuya, shopping paradise of legend?!
Shibu-ya?!
That's right.
We ran into a problem or two. Now we're on the way to Shibuya.
We should be there soon.
CLUNK
Is this... a shelter car?
What's this sound?
FSSSHT
... Huh?
Oh! This is our stop.
Yes, I just said so!

Are we there yet?!
Not quite.
We have to take another vehicle from here.
THUD
PSSH
TMP
Oh ...
Ah, Ibara! Taeko!
FSSSH
What're you spacing out...
... for...?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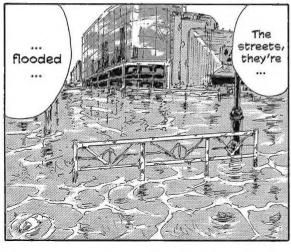
... flooded ...
The streets, they're ...

F
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FSSSH
So the water gradually pooled up over the last 20 years.
Shibuya is on lower ground than surrounding areas.
FSSSH
It's so pretty ...
Like it was a parallel world.
...Tokyo wasn't the same city anymore.
From the moment I opened my eyes on the day of the accident ...
It's a fantastical story, really.

A parallel world...
SHIBUYA CITY OFFICE
Heeey!
You ladies! Yes, you!
GLUB
?!
Need a lift?
Whoa! A hover-craft!
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
All aboard the Shibuya Cruise—gwah!
THUD
Move it!

GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
Ahaha! It's like we're at an aquarium!
Oh my gosh, a sting-ray!
Wow, lookie! So many fish!
SPLASH
Oh geez, how cute!

S-Since when was Shibuya part of the Amazon?!
Yeeek!!
Hahaha Their mouths are huge!
SP. SH
SLOP
!!
Lookit all the alligators sunbathing!
PANTS

...the evac chopper would come tonight, yes?
You said...

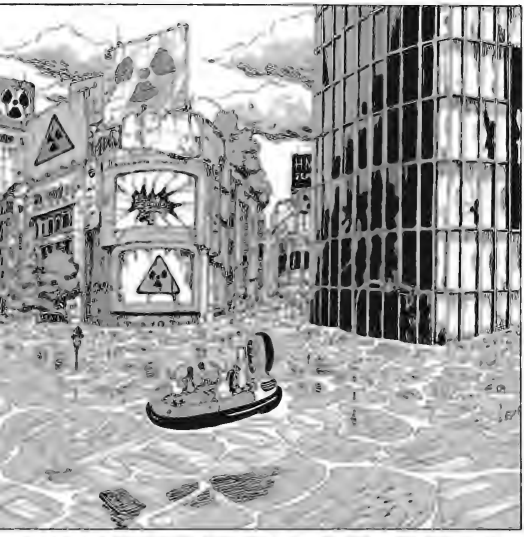
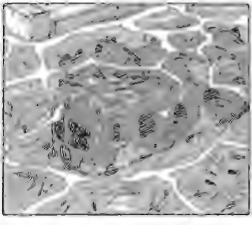
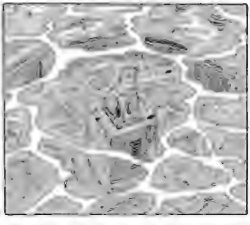
...you'll be able to see these sights.
So this might be the last time...
That's the plan.

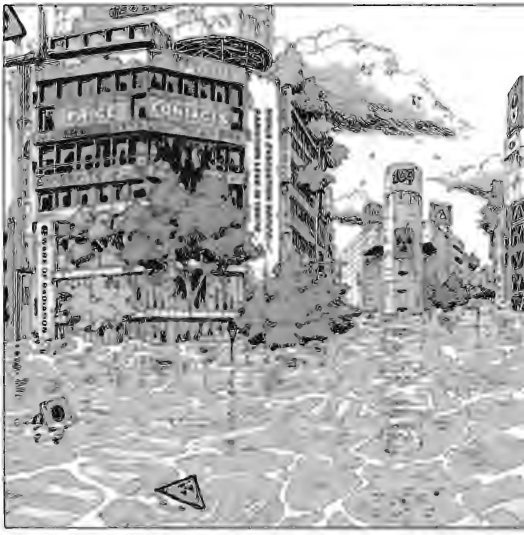
Outside of here, out in the real world...
Is it really such a great place?
Just that... I don't know what to expect.
GLUB
GLUB
It's not so much that I'm attached to this place.

Back then I was... like an empty doll. Dead eyes, forcing a smile.
I worked in Shinjuku Ni-chome. Because of, you know, how I am.
It was the only place where people like me belonged.
But my life is different now!
I can live freely, without any fear of labels.
That's the kind of place this is.
Take a look! All the animals and plants— they're bright and full of life!
So it wouldn't bother me...
...If I never escape from this parallel world.

This is the place you were looking for—a home where you belong.
You've started to feel the same way, haven't you?
We came to Tokyo for the evacuation effort!
...I'm sure you'd be—
Here...
And that's all we need to think about right now!
SWIP
We'll lose balance—
Eek! Ibara, stay still!
We will save every last survivor!

Look, look! Shibuya Station!
GLUB
Well... take your time and think it over.
...
GLUB
GLUB
Hey, that's Shibuya Station's famous pedestrian scramble, right?!
There it is!
GLUB
Wowee!
GLUB
Shibuya Station


CHIRP

P-17 END

109
Shelter 109.
This is our safe haven.
Phase.18[The Underground Paradise]

It's just some skinny, tall building.
Seriously?

Such divine presence towers before us...
Here awaits the mecca of fashionable girls!
Ohh...!

The entrance is this way! Come on, now.
You're too caught up in fantasy, Aoi.
Ibara, is there no romantic in you? Oh, what a wretched state...

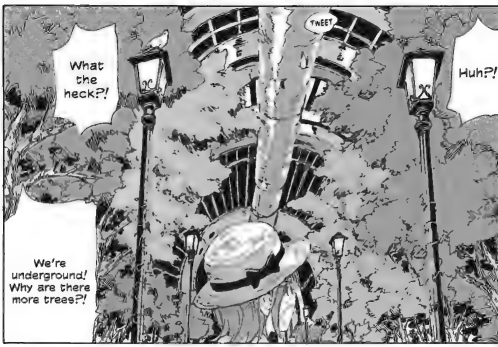
LIZLI
CRY

Saha
Ahuuuuhn! Whatever. I'm digging through the stock-rooms later!
No duh. Even name brand clothes'll turn ragged after 20 years of neglect.

Finally we go someplace fashionable and the clothes are all tattered!
Wh-What?!

No— the opposite.
Where do you live? On the upper floors?

...
It's like we're on a journey to a land of cave people...
...
The shelter's very deep underground.
I don't know... I've never counted.
BING
So, uh...
B2
B1
1F
2F
3F
How many floors down does this elevator go?
CLACK
?!
Ah, here we are!
BING
You might be right, there.


What the heck?!
TWEET
Huh?!
We're underground! Why are there more trees?!

This doesn't feel like a tunnel at all...
There's a decontamination area at the end of this tunnel.
There's even a river!

Trees produce oxygen, after all.
Dr. Shiba planted many, many seedlings, years ago.
Dr. Shiba did...?

BEEP
Radiation levels normal.
BEEP
Decontamination complete.
DLIP

プシュー
PSSSH
...

I'll give you a tour.
Are you ready?
CLICK

Whoa, it even cleaned our clothes in a heartbeat!
Don't talk to us like we're pollutants!
It's quite hi-tech.

... Wha—

Oh, my, a breeze!
I wonder what it's like in here...?

A Taisho era re-creation it!
FNAF
It's explorin' time!
Yup. They're cave people, all right.
So why not build our little town however we xeed?
We had a lot of time on our hands, these last 20 years.

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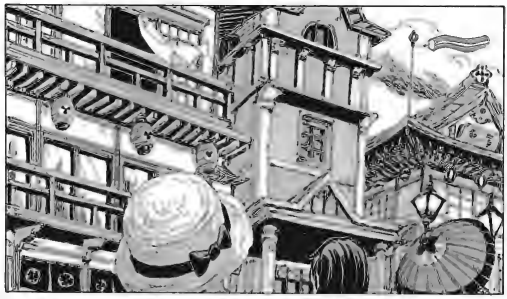
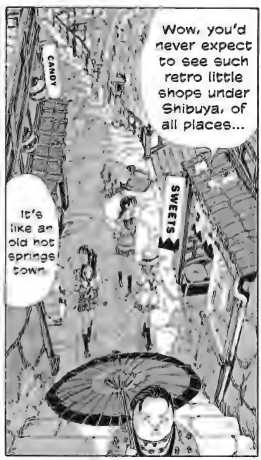
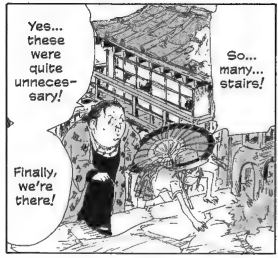


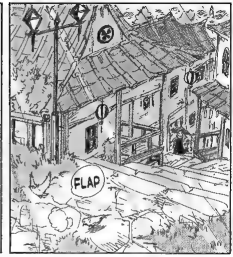
Huh ?!

Look, look!
Some-body's up there! Hellooo!


Wow, you'd never expect to see such retro little shops under Shibuya, of all places...
CANDY
SWEETS
It's like an old hot springs town

Yeah... he's got bandages all over his body.
Ibara, that man...
Many people ended up that way, after the accident.
Yes, because of the aftereffects of radiation exposure.
The tragedy... it still continues to this very day.
The accident...
The damage won't take their lives, but...
...they're still suffering from it, even now.


Yes... these were quite unnecessary!
So... many... stairs!
Finally, we're there!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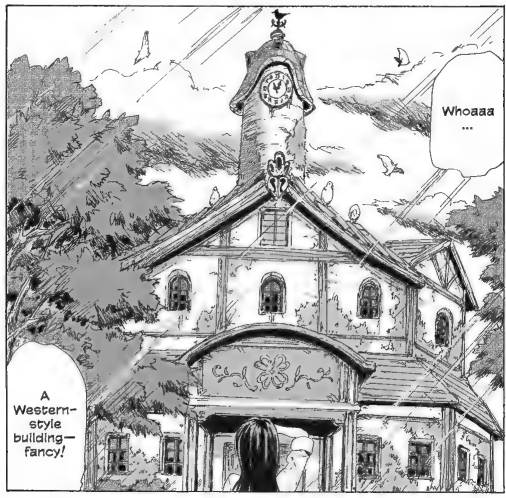
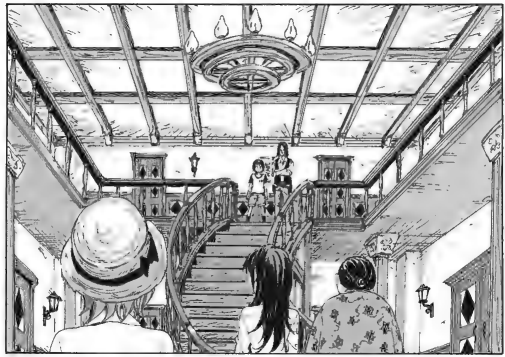

Whoaaa...
A Western-style building—fancy!

Then was this place ...?
A government facility...
The "Four-leaf Clover House"—it was the only building in this shelter, when we were first brought here.
Despite its appearance, it was a government facility.
Right, it was built to be a nuclear shelter.
Dr. Shiba designed it at the government's request...
But the meltdown was far more serious than anything they ever expected.
In the end, the government chose to give up on the capital, and left via helicopters...
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
RAH
RAH
HMI-
... abandoning most of its citizens.
So...
...at the same time they were building Daiba Nuclear Power Plant.
The higher-ups were supposed to use this shelter if anything ever went wrong at the plant.

Through all the confusion, I wanted to stay in Shinjuku.
Because I knew it was the only place I could belong.
But then Dr. Shiba appeared before us...
And we followed him to this underground paradise—
Dr. Shiba.
Nuclear Accident Survivors Hospital, Nagoya
Ah, Vice Principal Mishima.
You came to see me?
I'm glad to see you're in good spirits.
...You were staring out the window again?

I feel such shame, knowing that I was evacuated without them.
There are still a large number of survivors living there...
At the eastern sky... I can't stop thinking about Tokyo.
Yes...
Was it those girls again?
I see ...!
Our operatives have already made contact with the survivors in Shibuya.
Not to worry.
...
There's nothing to worry about.
Yes.
We'll be flying there for them tonight.
So they've met Alice, then...
The Coppelion ...



We gotta make her medicine!
Hey, Mama Akiko!

Like, is there a cranky master of the house, too?
Wow! This place is straight out of *Masterpiece Theater!*
Do you mean me?

Is that hot guy Mr. Asimov?
I know, I'm coming!

It's used as a liquid injection.
GWISH
That's right! Here it is.
Wait, isn't it poisonous?!
You mean the arsenic trioxide we got at the bank?
Medicine—
SNATCH
The rest is up to you, doctor.
As they say, fight fire with fire.
FWUP
What's his nationality, anyway?
Looks more like a cowboy than a doctor...
Mr. Asimov's a doctor?!
He's not licensed, but he knows what he's doing.
Wn...?

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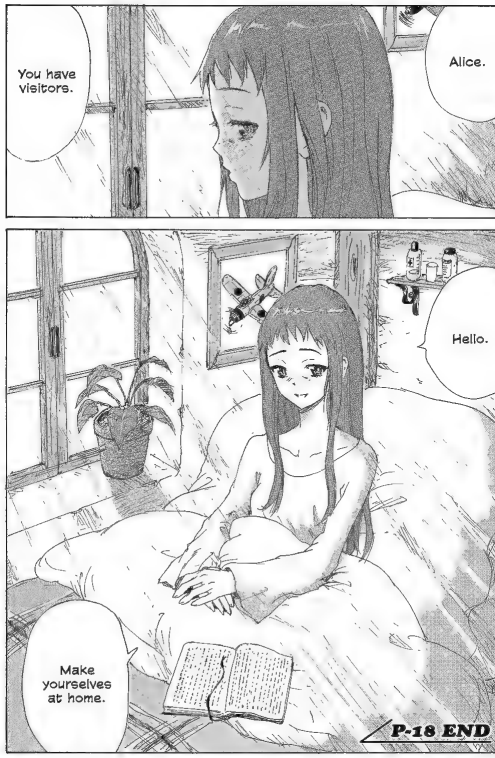
Really?! I wanna see!
Hey, you can see the whole town from up here!
KREE
Good-nees, such rowdy girls...
Wow...
There are so many houses.
They're surrounded by people, in a beautiful town.
I can understand why somebody might wanna stay here forever...

This place isn't what it used to be.
Some fell ill, others took their own lives...
Most of those houses are empty now.
There're still more survivors we haven't seen?
A girl?
Is someone there...?
Come along, I'll introduce you.
It's Ryunosuke's older sister.
Yes.
She has leukemia.
The arsenic trioxide... was it for her?


You have visitors.
Alice.
Hello.
Make yourselves at home.
P-18 END

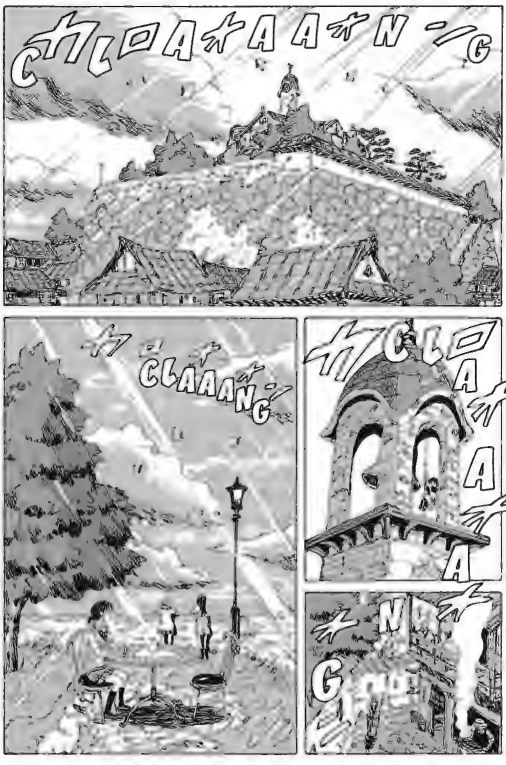
Alice.
She has leukemia.
Phase.19[Festival Night]

Get along, now.

...Hello.
Um... uh...

Uh... no, I don't think so...
Huh?
Are you angels?
You girls...
I thought they'd finally come for me...
Oh...
They've come to evacuate us—though they're a little late!
These girls are a rescue team called Coppelion.

Why? Wait—
...
But... why?
Evac- uate us...?
CHEEP CHEEP
TWEET TWEET
Could you girls leave?
KREE
It's time for her injec- tion.
... Ibara?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N
G

TWEET
Alice...
Her leukemia is because of the radiation, isn't it?
I...
...couldn't say anything back...
It's like she said...
Us showing up to evacuate them *now* seems ridiculous.
Shelter 109 has everything they need to survive.
This town may as well be *reality* for those who've lived here for 20 long years.

For them, living here like this might be...
Then... they really don't need us here, do they...?
We've tried everything we could think of.
I wonder if they could...
TMP
They could even find a way to cure Alice—
Nagoya has better medical facilities!
We've given up hope.
And this time her leukemia is more resistant to treatment.
But even then she relapsed.
She even had a bone marrow transplant, with Ryunosuke as the donor.

...I once heard Alice say...
I don't want to see them suffer any longer.
And...
...that if she were going to die...
...she'd want it to be here, in Tokyo.

Nagoya Dome Heliport
We're just about ready to take off!
We're on track to leave tonight.
Ibuse ...
We have one more chore to take care of.
Ah, yeah ...
The Dr. Coppelius problem?
The VP should be gettin' the evac chopper ready now...
And I asked him to look into Dr. Coppelius, too.

Look, this embroidery is times gor-geous!
How can you talk about that stuff in a yukata?

This plaza...
Um, by the way...

As long as the second-years are a threat, nowhere in Tokyo is safe!
So the Medical Unit's top priority is the safety of the survivors!

Ken
It's deco-rated...
...to the Bon festi-val

Oh! Miss Alice...
Aren't you glad you got to dress up?
My! You girls look good out of your uniforms!
VMM
!
You don't have to call me "miss."
We're the same age, after all.
We have a festival here every day!
Cuz there's nothin' else to do!
Heehee... please, Ibara.
Oh, really?!
APPLES
YAKISOBA
TAIYAKI
Taeko, look at all the food stalls!
It's quite a sight... Is there a festival taking place today?
Sounds like my kinda para-dise!
Oh my goooosh, I could stay here forever!

HA
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HA
HA
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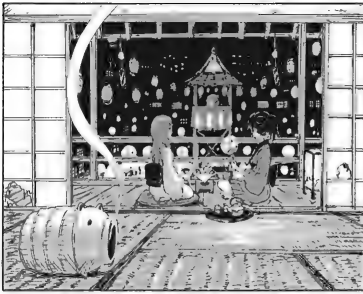
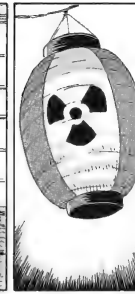
HA
There were this many people here?!
There are too many to count!





...Geez, she's gone completely slack...
You're letting your guard down too much, Aoi!

Ibaraaa! Get down here and dance with us!
I dunno why we're doing it, but it's *fun!*

I heard you were forced to take on a terrible mission...
Why not enjoy yourself, just for tonight?

I mean ...
It's not terrible at all.
...

No matter how difficult!
And to make that happen, I'll overcome any obstacle...
Right now, I have a clear objective:
To save every single survivor in Tokyo.
I don't know who my father was.
People die here every day.
If my leukemia gets worse, then one day, all of a sudden...
And so will I, soon.
From the same sickness that I now have.
My mother died when I was small.

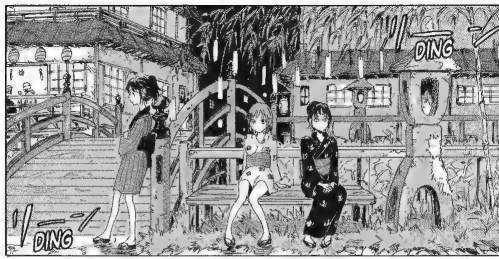
You'll suddenly ...
One day...

I've seen so much death from here, after all.
I think that there are things in this world that simply can't be changed. It's fate.

I'm...
...ready for it.

But...
You needn't worry about us.

Ibara...
Thank you for your concern.


DING
DING

Do you think...
...they'll all board the evac chopper?
It's like...
...they've already accepted their deaths.

...
FLAP
Please make my sister better.
Ryunosuke

There's no such thing as a death that should be accepted!
No...
TMP!
Oh— Ibara?!
STOMP STOMP STOMP
?

But until the very last second, when we can't do anything more...
Maybe we can't change fate.
Alice...
HUFF HUFF
...we should keep fighting, together!
P-19 END

October 8, 2036 AD, Nagoya—
The clock just struck 21:00 hours.
It'll take three hours to fly to Tokyo.
Phase.20【 To the World Above 】
Copellion, do you copy?
This time'll be a breeze, VP!
GNSH

THIS IS VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA CALLING FROM NAGOYA.
WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE OFF FOR SHIBUYA TO PICK UP THOSE SURVIVORS.

Ibara is trying to persuade the survivors to go along with the evacuation at the moment.
This is the Medical Unit.
Um...
PCH
Maybe you can hear through the radio...
You're so insistent on taking us to the outside world.
Why ...?
Ibara ...
You...

And there are so many people who believe in that.
...there are still so many things you could do.
That's because ...
No matter how small the flames of that fire...
...I don't wanna let it go out!
You'll get better! You will!
I know you'll...
Let's leave on the chop-per!
I think she's right, Alice!

I can't leave them behind.
We're like a family.
ODEN

But...
Will they be willing to leave...?

Listen up, everybody!
All right!
BAM!
FWAP

I came here from far-off Osaka to rescue you survivors from Tokyo, the City of Death!
I'm a messenger from up above!
Land, wind, sunlight—
That moon is nothing more than an imitation!
But still!
It may feel like this place is Heaven, and the outside world is Hell!
Everyone, listen closely!
The real things, they're all up above!
FVVT
...WE CAN'T GUARANTEE WHAT YOUR LIVES WILL BE LIKE AFTER YOU'RE EVACUATED!
That's why we're...
It's the JGSDF's job—*our* job—to help people!

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO TURN US DOWN...
...WHEN THE HELP WE'RE OFFERING IS SO IRRESPONSIBLE AND SELFISH.
But...
Despite that, I... I want to show it to all of you!
The world above hasn't died out yet!
The sky you all looked up at, 20 years ago...
...it's full of life.
It stretches out as far as the eye can see...

...what have I to gain from returning to the surface?
In my state...
KOFF
Miss... these eyes of mine can see nothing more than a sliver of light.
KOFF
We want to live out the rest of our lives in peace... it's human nature.
There are people here who are bedridden and can't walk.
Every-body, wait!
Wait ...
No one's stopping those who want to go.
I'm staying here...
CLACK

Ah, crap...
SHHH...
Prepare for take-off!
We must put our all into the evacuation, even if we only retrieve a single soul. It's our duty.
VP...
Sounds like we're not wanted.
What is it? I have somewhere to be!
FWAP
Commander Mishima!

Ougai ...?
What?!
You have a call from Cabinet Secretary Ougai!
SWISH
What can the JGSDF do for you, sir?
... This is Mishima!
We're getting ready to leave, I don't have time—
CLOP
Then speak!
Ah, Vice Principal Mishima.
There's something I need to confirm right away, you see...
KREE
Dr. Coppelius...

IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN ASKING AROUND ABOUT HIM.
You should think of the entire communication network as tapped.
Mishima.
Where did you hear that...?
...
KREE
FWT
MY APOLOGIES, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR THIS!
Do Japanese citizens not have the right to search for people as they wish?
And what do you mean to say about Dr. Coppelius?

VWEEE
PUFF
What was that about, VP?
EEEEEE
Nothing. Start the engines!

What do we do...?
The Vice Principal will be here before long...
SALOON

It seems as though ...
....no one will be boarding the heli-copter.

At this point I'm ready to let them have it their way.
Haa...
At this rate, Alice won't leave, either...
Yeah, but...
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?
FWT
Yeah! If you're all depressed, everybody else'll be too!
Stay strong, Ibara!
COPPELION, PLEASE RESPOND.
THIS IS DENJIRO SHIBA, CALLING FROM NAGOYA.
CH
Yay! Tokyo's cutie Aoi, here!
CLACK
Dr. Shiba ?!

WOULD YOU CONNECT THE RADIO TO IT FOR ME?
THERE'S A SPEAKER THAT CAN BE HEARD THROUGH ALL OF SHELTER 109...
It's my turn to help, now.
Vice Principal Mishima informed me of the situation.
BEEP GSSH
IT'S ME, EVERY-ONE.

Oh ...!
The doctor, he's all right!
It's Dr. Shiba!
That voice ...
Please listen.
It was I who built your underground paradise.
But now ...
I regret hiding.
AND IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE BLAME FOR THAT DREADFUL MELTDOWN...
...I LIVED BENEATH TOKYO FOR 20 LONG YEARS.
YOU SEE, THE WORLD OUT-SIDE...
...IS NOT SUCH A TER-RIFYING PLACE AS I HAD IMAG-INED.

Come up here, all of you.
And we'll build a new paradise, beneath a real sun!
I—
Ibara, look!
The survivors are coming this way!

VMM
Ibara...
RAHHH
We're back in business!
All right, you lot!
FWUP
FWUP

...?!
CEASE ENGINES AT ONCE.
Now let's get this bird in the air!
FWUP
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA.
FWUP
WE'RE TAKING YOU INTO CUSTODY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW
P-20 END

The survivors have all agreed to wait for the evac chopper to pick them up in Shibuya!
MURMUR
MURMUR
VP, this is the Medical Unit!
Phase.21{ The Riddle of Dr. Coppelius }

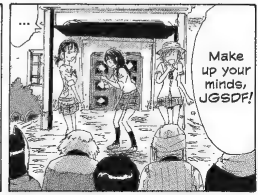
TMD
TMP
HUH? NO ONE'S ANSWERING...
3RD DIVISION HQ, PLEASE RESPOND!
FWT
VP?

TMP
TMP
March!
3rd Division!

Accept your punishment.
Don't cause any more trouble for me.
Goodness... do you *want* to be pirates?
Simmer down, lbuse!
They say this is the consequence of taking the evac chopper by force.
Why are they taking us in?!
What's this about, VP?!
POLICE
That's just his cover story.
We did that for the evacuation effort... to save people! It was the right thing to do!
They can't be serious...
Ougai ...
He'd use any excuse to take us in.

Hey...
What's going on, now?
MURMUR
MURMUR
Is rescue coming or not?

Ibara, they're getting restless!
Has the Vice Principal still not replied?


...
Make up your minds, JGSDF!

Something's off...
Did something happen in Nagoya?!

It's Dr. Coppelius.
Ha! Why should we be interrogated?!
KTONK
We work our asses off every single day!
Is he really that important?!
Who the heck is this doctor guy?!
And now here we are.
They found out I was looking into him...
This was before you were with us, Ibuse.
Dr. Coppelius... if I had to describe him succinctly—

He's a mad scientist.
A genius, but touched in the head.
He was once the head of Kyoto University's Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences...
...and known around the world for his work in embryonic stem cell research and genome analysis.
GLUG
GLUG!
But cloning was revolutionary technology...
Human rights organizations attacked him left and right, calling him unethical.
That was why he worked under an alias from the very beginning.
His name and nationality are still unknown... a truly suspicious character!

Some 20-odd years ago... Dr. Coppelius was forced out of the scientific community, and was on the verge of bankruptcy.
For the research funding.
He was the one who developed the Coppelion, right?
Wait ...
Why would he work with the government?
NUCLEAR NEWS
NEWTON
DR. COPPELIUS NOMINATED NOBEL PR
When the nuclear meltdown took place.
Until one day—
TIMES
...
SHINTO ELECTRIC HAS YET TO RELEASE AN OFFICIAL STATE-MENT—
WE'RE RECEIVING REPORTS OF A MASSIVE RADIATION LEAK...
A FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT IN DAIBA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT! THE FLAMES ARE BURNING STRONG!
HIC
AHH... WHAT AN AWFUL SIGHT!

This chance was better than anything he could ever have dreamed of.
NEWTON
NUCLEAR NEWS
He must have thought that.
TIMES
KYOTO UNIVERSITY
...
That's ...
So he used the disaster so he could pursue his own research —
The time had come for his dream project, which was still only theory...
COPPELION
PROJECT
The time had come for him to create the Coppelion.

!!
CLICK
The government was at a stalemate, after the shock of the accident.

We did not want to involve ourselves with an outcast like him, if we could help it.
But it was an emergency.
Dr. Coppelius...
S—
Secretary Ougai!
CLACK

A unit of dolls that could be mobilized in the radiation.
Coppelion ...

Dr. Coppelius requested an exorbitant budget for their development.
As to whether it was correct of us to meet his demands in the end...
You would know better than I, would you not?
Where is he now?
Is he working on another dastardly scheme?
Leave us, lbuse.
?!
Hey! What are you—?
You're kicking me out after hearing all that ?!
FWAP
FWAP

What're you gonna do with the VP?!
Let go, you bastarde!
I don't care about anything else!
It's our duty to help them.
Let us evacuate those survivors. Please!
Ougai ...
Do they *truly* need your aid?
Those remaining in Tokyo...
I've been wondering about this for quite some time, Mishima.
Ah, yes, the evacuation effort...

Yet you still want to evacuate them.
Their future here is pessimistic.
...the government won't pay to support all of them.
After they're evacuated ...
Is it not merely for your own satisfaction?
...that you want to give some kind of worth to the lives of the Coppelion?
Could it be...
Those girls are maturing every day.
CLENCH

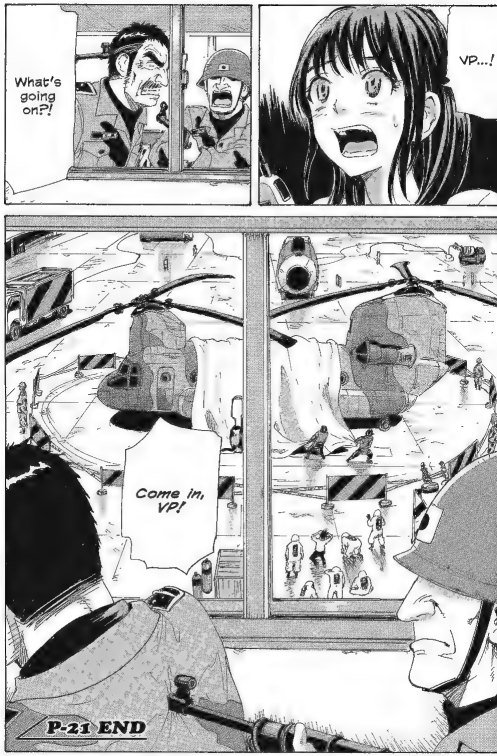
We're aware of how difficult it is to save these people!
HMPH
You're the same as ever, Mishima.
Which is why you won't be promoted.
Do you realize ...
...that I'm trying to protect you?
What ?!
Stay away from this matter.
Before you stumble upon something that will get you hurt.

Our poor, dejected bird...
Dammit...
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
One little order and we can't even stir things up...
Ugh...
You girls been eatin' well?
Hey, this is Lieutenant Ibuse in Nagoya!
THIS IS THE COPPELION, REQUESTING A RESPONSE FROM VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA—
HQ, COME IN!
FVVT
HURRY UP AND TAKE OFF! EVERYBODY'S WAITING!
WHAT'S WITH THE EASY-GOING ATTITUDE?!
HUH?!
FVVT
!

He was taken into custody?!
HACK
The VP was taken into cus-tody.
Yeah, but...
...
What?! Is there trouble?!
What's this, now?
He looked into Dr. Coppelius, just like you asked, and now he's being questioned!
It's your guys' fault!
He was just all fired up about coming!
But why?!
PSST
Dr. Cop-pelius?!

!!
SWISH
That's enough, Ibuse.
POLICE
The 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team...
Effective immediately...
You have government orders.
...IS HEREBY DISSOLVED.

Dis-solved?!
Di...
D...
TROD
TROD
They're leaving!
The survivors!
I—
Ibara, look!
Ibara ...
Listen to me!
...
Waaait!


What's going on?!
VP...!
Come in, VP!
P-21 END

Effective immediately, the 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team...
...is hereby dissolved
警視
Phase.22【The Next Trial】

D...

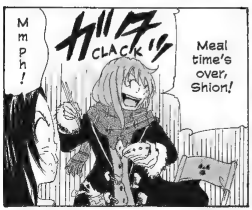
Dissolved...

TWEET
TWEET
The Next Morning—
October 9, 2036 AD,
9:00 AM
♪
♬
Roger!
All right, cut up the leek!
The rice is ready.
Ooh...
GURGLE
GURGLE
CRACKLE
FWUP

SPLOSH
PLOP

SHNK SHNK
SHNK
SHNK

Let's dig in!


CLACK
Mmph!
Meal time's over, Shion!

Huh ...?!
NOM
NOM
OMF

There's Mana Tsubaraya, and... that glob, izzat Meisa Ichikawa?!
It's hot and I'm tired ...
It's the second-yeare...
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB

Shh!
Ooh, sis! They're—

FWT
HM HM... THE MEDICAL UNIT WILL BE IN THE SURVIVORS' SHELTER.

SOMEWHERE IN SHIBUYA, SURELY...
?!

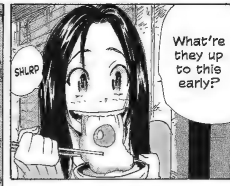
I wanna go back to City Hall and gaaame!
Uuugh, where did Aoi Fukasaku get off to?!
Mido

SOME THINGS EVEN A GENIUS WITH AN IQ OF 200 DOESN'T KNOW.
I'VE NO IDEA!

Where in Shibuya, huh?!
Oh yeah?!

H-HEY! HANDLE ME GENTLY!
FWUP
What-ever. I'm goin' back.
FWT

Now things are really gettin' interesting!
TMP
TMP


What're they up to this early?
SHLRP

Looks like he's the puppet master here.
Dr. Cop-pelius, huh...

Shelter 109
Their team was dissolved so suddenly.
It's only natural.
The Coppelion...
They look kinda... down.
ドンヨリ…
SLUMP
It's best to leave them be, for now.
And it's not as if they can defy the government...

And that's why they put their all into it.
But Taeko said...
...that the evacuation effort is all they have.
... what'll happen to them?
Now that they've lost their only purpose...
So...
The government's given up on evacuating the survivors.
They were serious about dissolving the Medical Unit, then...
All night and still no response from HQ.
Ugh ...

There are still so many survivors left here!
It's too awful!
Was our mission that trivial to them?!
Why did this happen?
This has got to have somethin' to do with that rabbit!
Dr. Coppelius ...
He said somethin' about a "grand plan," but...
Well ...
?
What could his goal be...?
He's the one issuing orders to the second-years, yes?

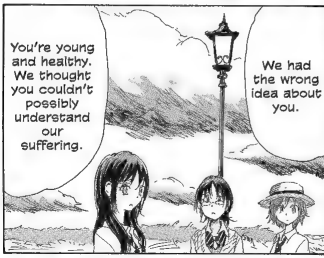
CLACK!!
You've reached the Medical Unit in Tokyo!
Lt. Ibuse?!
Thank goodness, we were waiting all night to hear from HQ!
FVVT
HEY, ARE YOU THERE?! THIS IS LIEUTENANT IBUSE, IN NAGOYA!
Sorry...
We've been disciplined, and had to write out reports and whatnot—our hands were tied.
Where's the VP?!
Is the evac chopper coming?!
But we're working in the storerooms now.
I managed to swipe a radio while we were cleaning up.

...I'm sorry... I don't think we'll be able to use the helicopter for now.
That's... well...
He's under a tough watch... We can't get anywhere near him.
The VP's being held in detention.
Just when they agreed to the evacuation ...
The survivors ...
TAP
What should we do, then?!
But...

Why did they even create us, then?!
Now we're dissolved?
I'm sorry... I said too much.
...
GRIP

...we'd fly to you as soon as possible.
If we had the power to do so...
You girls are doing a great job.
Don't worry about that.
So cheer up! We'll come for you!
It'll be fine!
...FOR NOW, YOU'RE ON STANDBY.
We'll... wait here in Tokyo...
...Yes, sir.
WE'LL DO WHATEVER WE CAN ON OUR SIDE.
FVVT

What *can* I do?!
What do I do?
SLAM
Dam-mit!


You're young and healthy. We thought you couldn't possibly understand our suffering.
We had the wrong idea about you.

Mies ...
Forgive us.

And through that, strayed far off the path of a normal life...
We've lost things, gained things...
But...
We may be more similar than we thought.
GREE
...you should be spending your days happily, somewhere away from here...
At your age...
I'm... incredibly happy.
No.
That's enough. You need to rest!
KOFF
Forgive us our powerlessness.
I'm sorry ...

I'm glad we came to Tokyo.
I mean, otherwise we never would've met you all!
FVVT
THIS IS CABINET SECRETARY OUGAI.
COP-PELION, RE-SPOND.
?!
Ougai?!
The Tokyo Rescue Team—your "Medical Unit"—has been dissolved.
You will now act under my direct orders.

Secure Dr. Coppelius immediately.
SWISH
You are to operate as the "Investigation Unit."
Why should we have to—?
Why ...?
Investigation Unit?!
Wh ...?
!!
Until you carry out your duty, you can consider the evacuation helicopter grounded.
You have no choice in the matter.

YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION, YES, IBARA NARUSE?
IF YOU WISH TO SAVE THE SURVIVORS...
...YOU WILL CAPTURE DR. COPPELIUS.
P-22 END

Phase.23 [After That Rabbit!]
...YOU WILL CAPTURE DR. COPPELIUS.
IF YOU WISH TO SAVE THE SURVIVORS...
But ...
...you can consider the evacuation helicopter grounded.
Until you carry out your duty...

GET TO WORK...
...INVES-TIGATION UNIT.

IT'S NOT THAT EASY!
YOU WANT US TO CAPTURE DR. COPPELIUS?!
H-Hold on, Secretary Ougai!
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE HIMSELF IS—
HE'S COMMUNICATING WITH THE SECOND-YEARS THROUGH A STUFFED RABBIT!
CONTACT ME WHEN YOU HAVE THE RABBIT. FWT
!!
I HAVE MUCH TO ATTEND TO.
He'll be controlling it from his true location.
Then secure the stuffed animal and investigate.

They think they can just push us around?!
HUFF
Dammit...
HUFF
BAM
Hello?!
Wait!
HQ, come in! Please!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Yes! Nothing good will come out of leaving Tokyo!
It's pretty fun here, after all!
Y-Yeah!
Don't worry about evacuating us.
Ibara...

I never said that.
And just yesterday you were dead set on staying!
Read the mood, you stupid old man!
Don't tell me you've gone senile!
...
I want to leave this place soon.
CLENCH
Aoi. Taeko.
Ibara ...
Get ready!
We're going back up.
SWISH

Sounds like that secretary guy wants to meet you.
Didja get all that, Dr. Coppelius?
FVVT
Huhhh ...

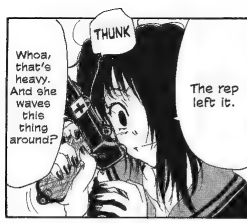
And now Mr. Influential's stuck rambling out of a stuffed rabbit.
Yeah, yeah.
YOU SEE, MEISA ICHIKAWA? MY INFLUENCE WAS SO GREAT THAT EVEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WAS CAPTIVATED BY MY GRANDEUR!
VMMM
MARVELOUS!
FVVT

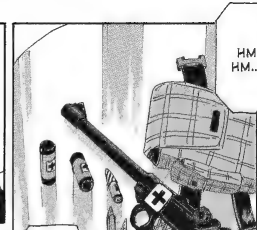
So would they really drag her along?
Sure, but... they know we're after Aoi Fukaeaku.
CLINK
NOW THE MEDI—RATHER, THE "INVESTIGATION UNIT"... WILL COME TO US.
THIS IS A CONVENIENT TURN OF EVENTS.
VRR

WITH-OUT AOI FUKA-SAKU...
GLUG GLUG
MILK
...THEY STAND NO CHANCE AGAINST US.
FOR YOU SEE—
OH, BUT THEY MUST, HM HM HM.
SWSH
Are we re-ally...
...taking Aoi along?
But if Aoi's true power mani-fests again...
We can't take down the second-years with just the two of us.
Um...
NOM
NOM
I looove rice balls!
Ibara...

...?
GWSH
Well, it's better than nothin'! Yup!
We don't quite know how to awaken her...
HRK
Yes, but...
THUD
THUD
I dunno why, but it's already completely healed up!
Yup!
GWSH
POP
That bandage...
Come to think of it, your right arm was broken, wasn't it?
But that's... Even with our improved regeneration abilities as Coppelion, mending a bone should take...
Completely?!
No...
It's stained with blood, you should take it off—
You don't need the bandage any longer, then.
See? Weird, ain't it?
Why... it really is healed!

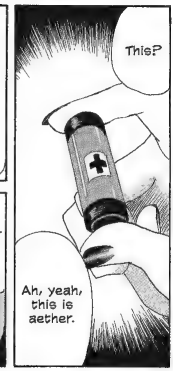
SWISHHH
This bandage...
Haruto wrapped it for me.
Ibara, I'm all fueled up and ready to go!
BURP
O-Oh, great!
We've got lunch and a map.
As far as weapons—
H-Huh?
Where's my gun?!
Eh? I have no idea...
Oh, dear... could you have left it somewhere—?
...
GONG


THUNK
Whoa, that's heavy. And she waves this thing around?
The rep left it.


HM HM...
TRULY A SUPERIOR WEAPON.

VRR
HRM ...?
MEISA. WHAT IS THAT RED BULLET?

I guess it gives humans the same resistance to radiation as a Coppelion, for like five minutes or whatever.
Or was it 10?


This?
Ah, yeah, this is aether.

VRR
WHAT ...?
SUCH A DRUG EXISTS?!

VRR
I DID NOT CREATE IT.
AT THE VERY LEAST ...
Uh, you didn't know? You, the great Dr. Coppelius?
Yeah.
HM HM HM... I SEE.
OHO...
FWT
It was Haruto Kurosawa who made it, right, Mana? That senior?
MHM MHM
Uhh ...

Will you be all right? Why don't you take Asimov?
You're really going?
We're taking off.
Well...
The second-years radiate neutrons—exposure would be fatal to you survivors.
And... this is a problem between us Coppelion.
No...
Please.
Don't overexert yourselves for our sakes...
Come back safe, Ibara.

I mean, I wanna see everyone smiling!
It's just that I wanna do it.
I'm not... doing this for anyone's sake.
Alice.
Ibara...
It feels as if we found a home.
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
See you!
TAKE CARE!

GLUB
GLUB
Dr. Coppelius and the second-years are in City Hall in Shinjuku, yes?
Let's snatch that rabbit as fast as we can!
GLUB
GLUB
Okay!
Yeah.
If all goes well, at least.

Yeeek !!
SPLSHH
Anyway, let's get to land!
We're on Route 246, Aoyama Street, at Miyamasu Hill...?
Let's see...
FLAP
This way won't take us to Shinjuku, Ibara.
Aoyama? That sounds so... so... classy!

Yo!
If it isn't our dear classmates!
FOLF
Crap, did I take us the wrong way?!
Geez, like, get it together already!
I want ice cream ...
Oh!
Ozu sisters! It's you again!
I-I feel evil in the air!
?
TMP
TMP

You two need that rabbit for something?
Huh?!
Turns out you guys're after Dr. Coppelius too, huh?
We heard everything over the radio.
Hey, maybe we should work together again!
Yeah, exactly! Gosh, what a lucky coincidence!
Don't get the wrong idea, Kanon!
You're free from it. You can go as crazy as you want now!
Your Medical Unit was clean dissolved, after all.
...
We're just doing as the government says...
And that's only so we can save those survivors!

FWAP!!
Uh-huh, uh-huh! We know exactly what you mean!
And we wanna help you poor things, uh-huh!
SW
SH
Are they... trying to use us?
The Coppelion're back in action!
After that damn rabbit!
P-23 END

Phase.24 [Monument of Death]
VR ZOOM
All right, we're gonna start out on Omotesando!
We'll head to Tokyo City Hall in Shinjuku from there!
Dr. Coppelius...
Or rather, the stuffed rabbit... unless we retrieve it, they won't send the evac chopper.

AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY
We've got no choice but to do as the government says!
Whoohoo! We're gonna tear up the town!
COPPELION 2036

VROOOM
Um...
Dr. Coppelius is guarded by those powerful second-years, yes?
In which case...
...a fight with the second-years is inevitable...
I don't believe we can go up against them through normal means...
Perhaps we should take some time to put together a plan—

I'm starting the strategy meeting!
FLIP FLIP
Listen up, worms!
Whatever, just move on!
Why aren't we included in the name?
ZZ
SEXY SISTERS
PILLAGE THE RABBIT HOLE!
BAM
SLOB
IDIOT
STRONG
MEISA ICHIKAWA
DR. COPPELIUS
MANA TSUBURAYA
SLIMEY
STINKY
MUTANT WATER FLEA (CHIMERA)
We must join forces to overcome thie grave challenge!
This operation is called: "Sexy Sisters: Pillage the Rabbit Hole!"
IDIOT
As such, they'll do everything in their power to hinder our mission!
DR. COPPELIUS
However! Most likely, they eavesdropped on our radio frequency and already know of our plans!
BISH
Our mission: capture the stuffed rabbit that Dr. Coppelius is using as his intermediary!

You can't give up before you even get going!
This is why you're bullied so much!
BISH
Dumbass!
What do we do, then?! I believe we have, like, a 100% chance of failure!
Question!
CLACK
They'll be doing anything they can to get her...
Dr. Coppelius wants Aoi.
SNIFFLE
But you were the ones bullying me...!
CLACK
Then why are you taking me?! Are you stupid?!
SHAKE SHAKE
Wh...?
...
Zz
Anywho... they've got to have some kind of weakness we can exploit!
?!
That's it!

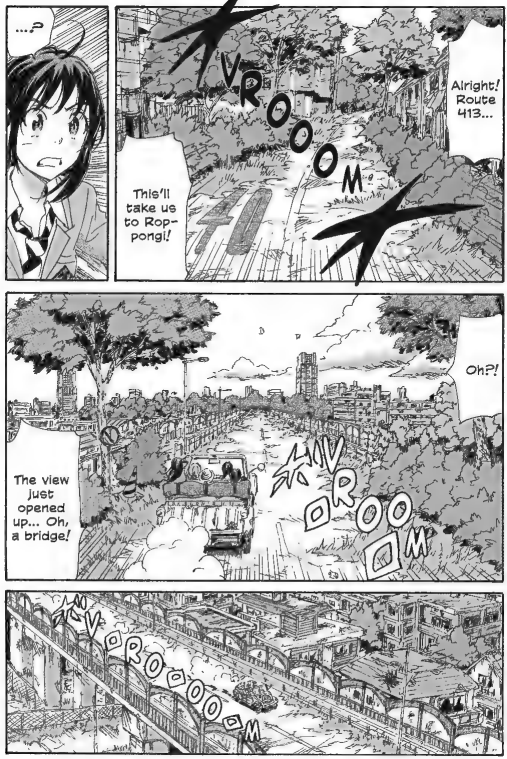
Why are you looking at me?!
Wh...
That wraps up our strategy meeting.
I've got the *perfect* idea.
E' GLA
RE
PON

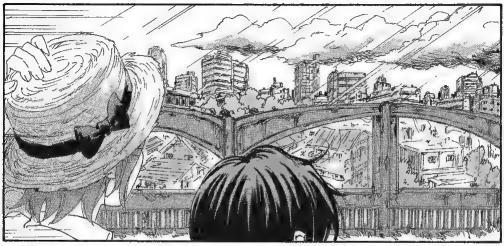
Alright!
We made it to Omotesando!
SKREE

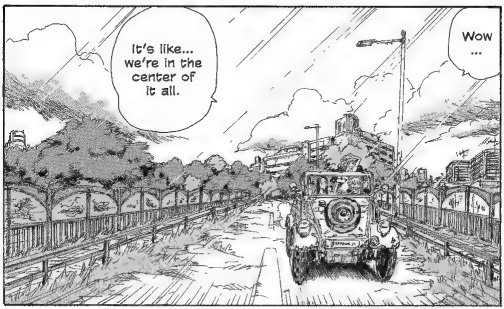
Step on it, Kanon!
Now we just have to take this road back to Shinjuku.
Every-body hide, now!
CLANG
Huh?!
Crap!
BZZT
Huh?!
I sensed some-body... Look up there!
What's this about, Kanon?
SWISH

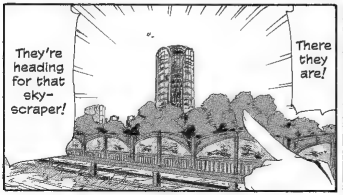
?!
What ?!
It's the second-years, Ibara!

That's ...
...east, they're flying east!
Where're they off to that they gotta bring the water flea too?
Huh ...
Gimme the map!
FWAP
East of here is...
...Tokyo Mid-town, and ...
...Ropponi?!
TOKYO MIDTOWN
ROPPONGI
Ye olde "Giroppon" —
Legendary place of pleasure, home to countless clubs and cabarets?!
Ooh... I bet there'll be a place that has yummy pufferfish!
What're they goin' to Roppongi for?
Who cares?! But hey, now we don't have to bust our buttz finding them!
The chase is on!
Ah! Wait for meee!


...?
VROOOM
Alright! Route 413...
This'll take us to Roppongi!
Oh?!
The view just opened up... Oh, a bridge!
VROOOM
VROOOOM




It's like... we're in the center of it all.
Wow ...


They're heading for that sky-scraper!
There they are!

?!

They stopped ...
...on the top of the building!
KCHK
Roppongi Hills!
That's ...
BASH
Roppongi Hills?! You mean the famous—gack!
We've got our destination:
Well done, four-eyes!
Roppongi Hills!
AH
VROOOOOM

KAW
VROOOOM

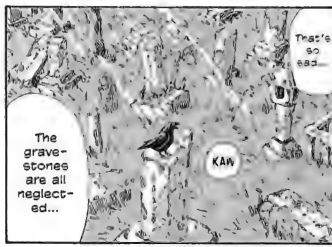
KAW
KAW

This's a graveyard.
BOMP

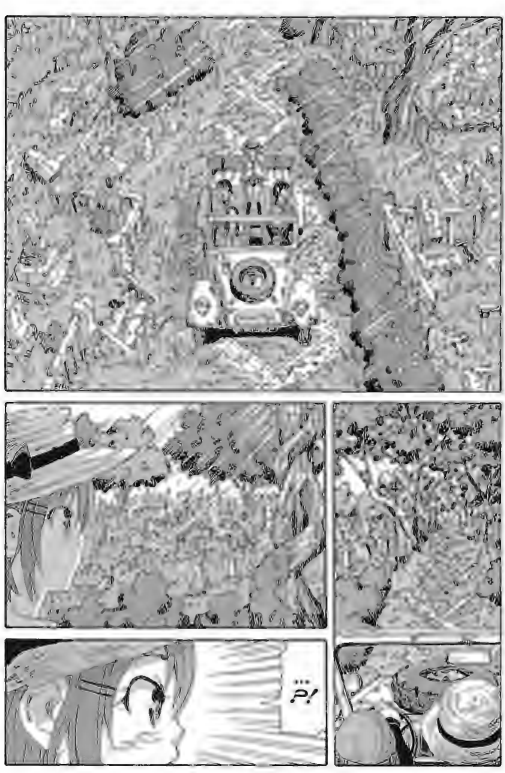
Huh?!
H...
This time the view got all dark...

KAA
A forest smack dab in the middle of the metropolis...
Aoyama Cemetery.

The graves ...
The ...


That's so sad...
The grave-stones are all neglect-ed...
KAW

What can you expect?
Nobody's come to visit 'em in 20 years.
...?!
...
Feh!

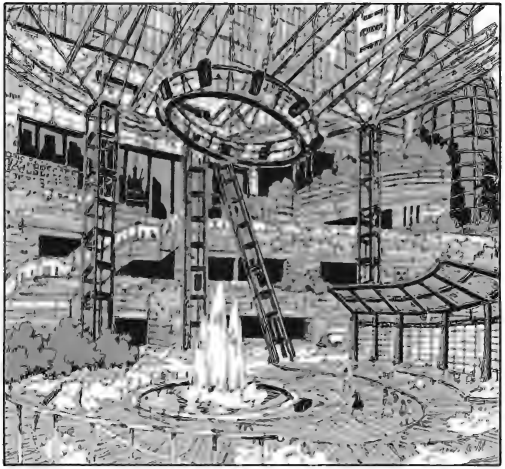


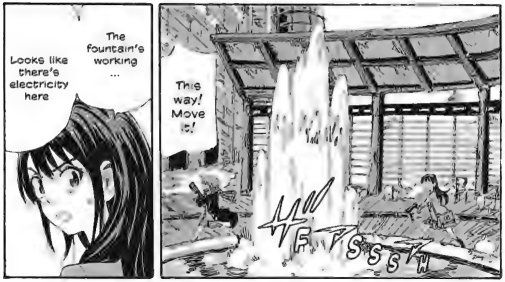
A ghost!
A...
A...
BUBBLE
Wha—?! A ghost?!
Wh...?
It was just your imagination. How could you see such a thing in the middle of the day...?
SHIVER
SHIVER
There's nothin' there, Aoi!
...
GLANCE
GLANCE
I swear I saw a ghost!
It was there!
AHUUUHN!
HIC
Quit your whining! Rep!

KCHK
We're approaching on foot!
Get out and get ready!
RUMBLE
Let's move!
We'll teach you how to clean house!
P-24 END

Phase.25 [Fossil Display]
Roppongi Hills.
Once the most extravagant development in Tokyo, a gathering place for those with an eye for luxury.
The second-years are in that skyscraper, yeah?
Let's chase 'em out and take it over as our summer home.

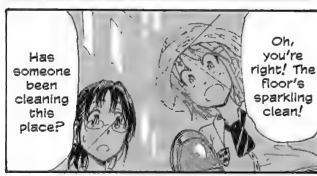
ゴゴゴ
Alright, let's storm the place!
We're gonna clean it out in style!
TMP
TMP




Looks like there's electricity here
The fountain's working ...
This way! Move it!
FFSSSSH

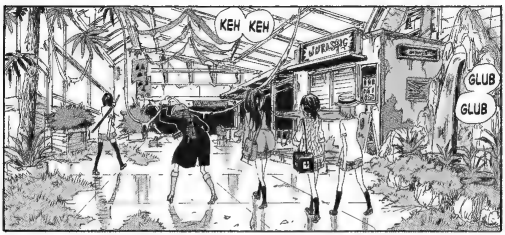
There's not a single piece of trash in here.
Something's not right...

Wow ...
It's, like, futuristic!
So the interior has lighting as well...


Oh, you're right! The floor's sparkling clean!
Has someone been cleaning this place?

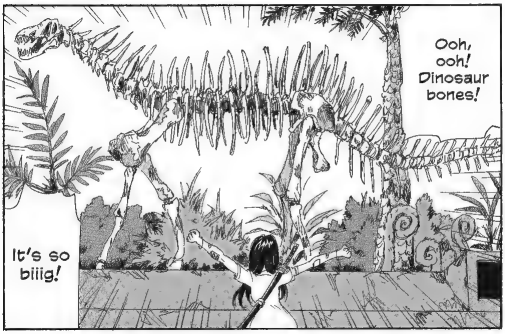
What's this black thing?
Some kinda track?
So... the second-years? Tch, clean freaks.
Well it wasn't us.
?
Oh... but sis, there's ...
There's another elevator over there.
Shion, get over here or we'll leave you!
...
Oh, well!

Who the hell pressed the second floor button?
Hey ...
DING
GLACK
We didn't! It just stopped on its own.
Huh? The door won't close...
TAP!
TAP
DINOSAUR
What is this place ...?
"Dino-saur Exhibit" ...?
...


KEH KEH
JURASSIC
GLUB
GLUB

!
Guess I'll see if I can sense the second-years.
BZZZT

ENTER
We're not here to look at dinosaurs.
The hell?


Ooh, ooh! Dinosaur bones!
It's so biiig!

THUD
They're called *Fossils*, you derp!
And it's just a display.
Ooh...
Huh ?!
Lookie! There are a bunch of exhibits over there, too!
EXIT
Yaaay! It's a field trip, sis!
KEH
Hey, hey, don't wander off! Stay together!
Oh ...!
Bzzt
Did you sense them, Kanon?!
Sh!

That's strange ...
It doesn't feel like a Coppelion.
It's a regular old human!
Huh ?!
So there's a survivor here?!
That's our cue! C'mon, Aoi, Taeko!
C-Coming, Ibara!
DASH
?!
Shion! Where's the survivor?!
There's a whole bunch of them!

FSSSH
And they all look kinda dead.
The 1st Division ?!
BDMP
Wh...?
Ibara, they're —

It's been days since they died.
BZZ
Oh, no...
I thought the soldiers who weren't there to surrender went on their way to Daiba with all that nuclear waste... didn't they?
What's goin' on here?
It couldn't be—
Who would do some-thing like this?
This is who I sensed—his life signs are fading!
WHEEZE
HUFF
He's still alive!
DASH
?!
Urgh...
Argh...

HUFF
...
O...
One...
WHEEZE
Can you hear me?!
Stay with us!
It got...
Only one of them...
...us all...
Stop, Kanon!
Was it a Coppelion?! Or the big water flea?!
Urgh ...
Who was it?!
GRAB
Who?!

TYRANNOSAURUS
?!
...
SWIP
Ugh...
hrk...!
Why's he pointing at a dino-saur?!
Wh—?
Wha?!
I regret... hrng...!
Th... The pain...

Gh...
Hrk ...
GRAB
HUFF
HOO
HUFF ...
WHEEZE
W...
HUG
Warm ...

Maybe now they can finally rest in peace.
Ghosts abused by time and civilization...
Pitiful through and through.
The 1st Division ...
SW
SH
NOW, NOW, WHAT AN UNFORTUNATE ACCUSATION!
FVVT
DOOM
Dr. Coppelius...
I won't forgive you for this!

FOR WHEN WE ARRIVED, WE GAZED UPON A TRAGEDY THAT HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.
'TWAS NOT US WHO DID AWAY WITH THOSE PITIFUL SOLDIERS.
FVVT
Give yourself up!
Enough with your games, Dr. Coppelius!
WHO ANNIHILATED A GROUP OF TRAINED SOLDIERS SO EASILY?
BUT THEN... WHO WAS BEHIND IT?
I'LL BE WATCHING FROM THE TOP FLOOR.
I'VE PREPARED A SMALL PRESENT FOR YOU GIRLS.

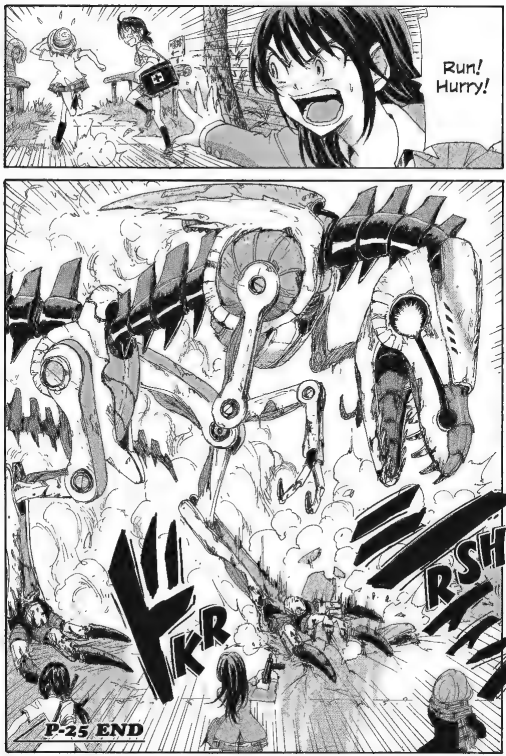
...BY DR. COPPELIUS, THE MOST GENIUS SCIENTIST IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!
BING BONG
THAT IS ALL. THIS BROADCAST WAS BROUGHT TO YOU...
Dammit! Wait, don't screw around!

A present?! Huh?!
What?!

KRSH
?!
SSH

KRISSH
KRRSH
KRRSH
KRISSH

An earth-quake ?!
What was that?!


Run!
Hurry!
FKR
RSH
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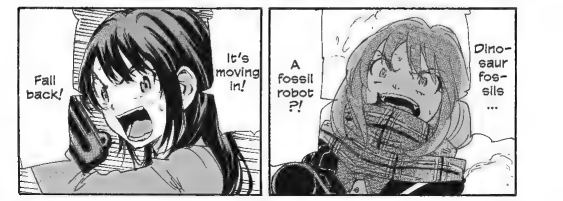
Phase.26 [Fossiloid]



KRISH
Whoa !!
KRISH

I know!
KCHK
Naruse, take a look at its mouth!
This's what massacred the 1st Division!
SHK
That smell... it's blood!
RAAAHH
Open fire!!
BOOM
TWIRL

BOOF
CLANG
CLANG
BAM
It's not stopping !!

PING
GREE
?!
Why is there a dino-saur?!
And why's it after us?!
Eep?!
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
Wh... Wh...?
Run, Aoi!
It detected them!

Ah—
THUNK
KRASH
This suuucks !!
Taeko!
FWUMP!!
Yee—
RRMMM

BOOM
GRAHHHH
WHUD
SHNK
Don't make me work any harder! Run!!
Hey clumsy!!

...?!

I-I'm running!
DASH!

"Fossi-loid"...?
FOSSILOID

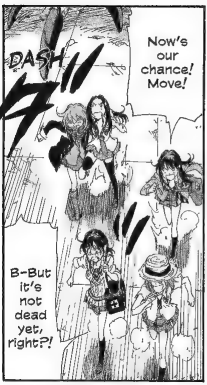
Taeko, over here!

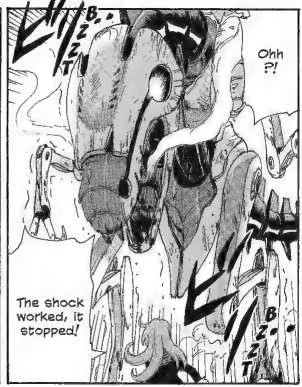
KRAK

BWOOM
?!
KCHK

Kanon!
Sis!
Gah!
BASH
WUMP
Oh no!!
KROMF
Eat this— A million volts!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

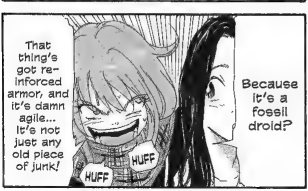
BZZT
BZZT
TMP
Cool, eie!
Nice, Kanon!
BOOM
Huh ?!

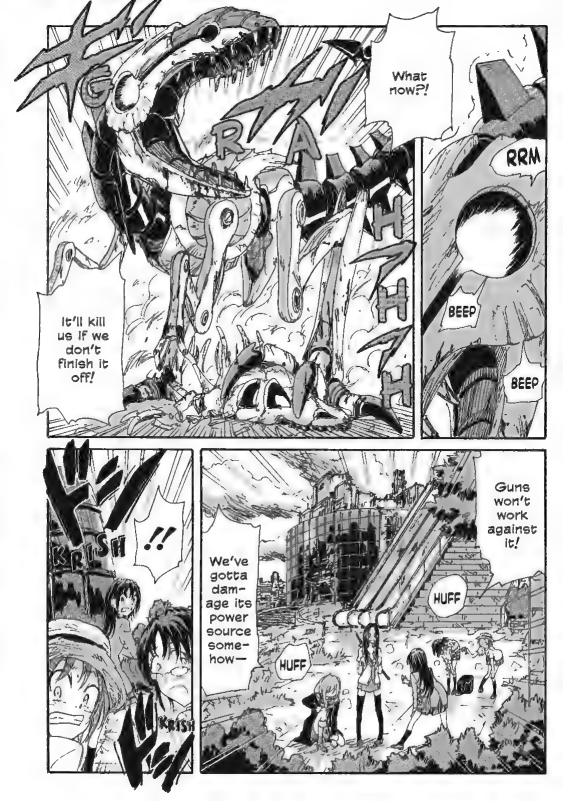

DASH
Now's our chance! Move!
B-But it's not dead yet, right?!


B...ZZT
Ohh ?!
The shock worked, it stopped!
B-ZZT

That's what it's called?!
Fossi-loid?!

There was a tiny logo on its chest!
Ibara ...
It read "Fossi-loid"!


That thing's got re-inforced armor, and it's damn agile... It's not just any old piece of junk!
HUFF
HUFF
Because it's a fossil droid?


It'll kill us if we don't finish it off!
What now?!
RRM
BEEP
BEEP
Guns won't work against it!
We've gotta damage its power source somehow—
HUFF
HUFF
!!
KRISH
KRISH

I'm thinking!
Huh?!
Think of something, rep!
I can stop it for a couple seconds!
The dino's here!
It's here!
We have to hide!
Okay... we're goin' up!
Up those stairs!
HWOOO
That fountain...
We're above the arena?!
FSSH

How can we escape?!
KRR'SH
But...
If we climb up...
DASH
RAT
RAT
K.R.I.SH
CLINK
CLANG
KRR'SH

Get back, Aoi!
Eep!
SHNK
WHUD
Hey! Over here!
What are you doing ?!
Ibara, you mustn't!
WHUD

ROOOAR
Ibara! Run!!
SHFF
Eeek!!
Kanon! Now!!
CRARRR

BZZT
BZZT
BRAKK
Go, Shion !!
Ultra kick!!
WHOOOSH

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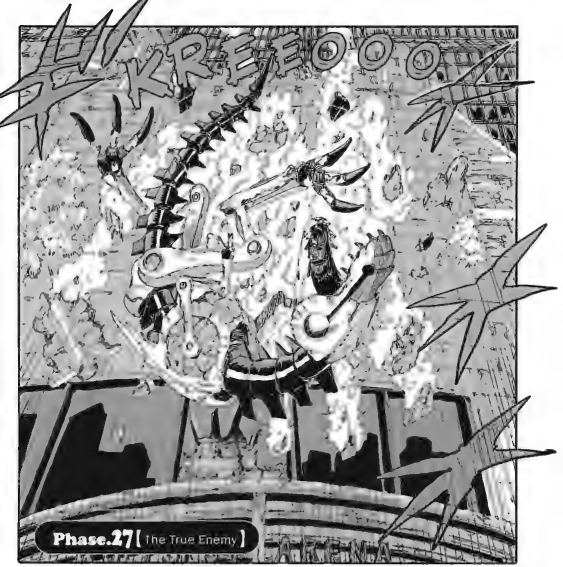
KREEOOO
Phase.27【The True Enemy】

You dropped the Fossiloid!
Nice one, Shion!

KRA AASHHH

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
FSSSH
SPLASH
...!
Did that kill it?!
Well?!

KR
EE
SPLSS
Crap... it didn't work!
SHHH
It's still moving!
Wh-Wh-What do we do?!
Hell if I know! We went all out there!
?!
The Fos-silloid's armor! It came apart!
Is that its power source?!
RR
PSSK
MM

DANGLE
It's up again!
GRARR
PSSH!
We have to run, it'll come after us again!
!
Ibara?!
P!
JUMP
HWOO?
BAM
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

KRISH
Is she gonna drop that light onto its power source?!
DANGLE
TMP TMP
Ohh ...?!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
You're not gettin' away!

Hrahhh!
HWOOO
CRACKLE
Do it now!!
Naru-seee!!
CRACKLE
TMP

SNAP
BSSH
BWOOSH
!!
MMM
RRR

KA
BO
OM
KRR
SH
FOO
SMASH

Go, Ibara!!
Whoo-hoo! We got it!
Hmph!
I did most of the work, you know!

IT'S A SHAME SHE'S OUR ENEMY.
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE ...
HOHO ...
FVVT
SO THEY DEFEATED IT!
If you wanna capture Aoi Fukaeaku...
...then just sic Mana on 'em!
KLACK!
KLACK!
Why're we playing around with that toy?
Hey, Dr. Coppelius.
WE MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION... HAVE FAITH IN YOUR GREAT COMMANDER COPPELIUS!
AND THAT VERY PLAN FAILED ONCE ALREADY, MEIGA ICHIKAWA.

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No wonder it blew up.
So it ran on liquid hydrogen...
Who the hell would get anything out of sending a killing machine into an abandoned city, huh?
Hmm... it's definitely some kinda military killing machine...
...?
Could Dr. Coppelius really make something like this on his own?
It must've cost an arm and a leg.
Hey...
Look at this!
What's up, Aoi?
I-Ibara!
?!

FOSSILOID
YELLOW CAKE
It's Yellow Cake!
We've seen this logo before...
Wait —
...
Yeah ...
The guys who were using Tokyo as a garbage dump for nuclear waste!
That's the privately-owned back-end company that deals with nuclear waste... yes?
Yellow Cake...
So this robot...
It's the property of Yellow Cake?!

Where'd you find that?!
CLUNK
Ho!
Shion ...
I found some-thin'!
Heeey!
?!
Thank good-ness... this is just low-level waste.
Uh, no thanks!
BEEP
Want me to bring some more?
Umm, there's a whoooole bunch down below!
The 1st Division soldiers must have come here after this!
Oh!
Is this another one that Yellow Cake trans-ported here from overseas in exchange for payment ...?
The canister looks brand new...

And then...
...they fell prey to this watchdog ...?
The hell...? For a private company...
...these Yellow Cake people sound downright dirty.
...
Ibara ...?
They wanna pollute Tokyo so badly...
SHAKE
...that they'd kill so many people for it?
SHAKE

I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT CREATE SUCH A TASTELESS ROBOT!
YOU SEE?
FWT
!
We're not gonna stand for that!
Join you?!
!!
FWT
WHAT DO YOU THINK, CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE?
WON'T YOU JOIN HANDS WITH US?

OPEN YOUR EYES, REPRESENTATIVE.
YELLOW CAKE IS BUT ONE OF THEM.
THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD ATTEMPT TO PROFIT FROM TOKYO'S DOWNFALL...
THINK LONG AND HARD, IBARA NARUSE!
AND WHO IS YOUR TRUE ENEMY?
WE ARE ALLIES.
Only people I want to protect.
I don't have any enemies.
I...

VRR
I REFUSE !!
HM HM HM...
YOU SHOULD COOPERATE WITH US!
...
DR. COPPELIUS ...
COME!
THEN THIS IS WAR.
SWISH
P-27 END